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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 June 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) 2 and 6 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1, 3-5 and 7 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to the original filing of June 27, 2007. Claims 2 and 6 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 3-5 and 7 have been amended. Claims 1, 3-5 and 7 are pending and have been considered below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1, 3-5 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sezan et al. (US 6,236,395 B1).

Claim 1: Sezan discloses a graphical user interface for a personal video recorder comprising:

- a. Simultaneously presenting on a display, a plurality of different key frames, each key frame associated with a respective different video and representative of a clip within the respectively associated different video, each video separately recorded by a personal video recorder, each video clip and key frame automatically selected by said personal video recorder (column 1, lines 29, column 14, lines 7-40),

- b. Presenting on said display, a plurality of sequential frames of one of said video clips in response to a user selecting a key frame associated with the presented said video clip (column 4, lines 9-15),

but does not disclose presenting title information, length information, quality information and source information regarding at least one of the presented said clip and the video associated with the presented said clip. However, Sezan discloses program profiles which define distinctive characteristics of the content of the program, such as actors, stars, rating, director, release date, time stamps, keyword identifications and categories which can be used for filtering in the search for video information. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to add presenting title information, length information, quality information and source information regarding at least one of the presented said clip and the video associated with the presented said clip to Sezan. One could have been motivated to add presenting title information, length information, quality information and source information regarding at least one of the presented said clip and the video associated with the presented said clip to Sezan to facilitate the user in identifying a clip more accurately.

Claim 3: Sezan discloses the interface of claim 1 wherein said plurality of different key frames is presented in a two dimensional array (figures 5 and 9).

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Claim 4: Sezan discloses the interface of claim 1 but does not disclose the selection of one of said video clips is based upon, at least in part, the selection of a second video clip. However, Sezan discloses selecting a video based upon a program description wherein the program description scheme identifies the contents of a second video segment (claim 9). Sezan discloses identifying two related video clips associated with the same program description. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to add selection of one of said video clips is based upon, at least in part, the selection of a second video clip to Sezan. One could have been motivated to add selection of one of said video clips is based upon, at least in part, the selection of a second video clip to Sezan because Sezan discloses filtering video content based on user criteria and a user in Sezan may want to quickly scan clips of videos by the clips being played automatically consecutively.

Claim 5: Sezan discloses a graphical user interface for a personal video recorder comprising:

- c. Simultaneously presenting on a display, a plurality of different key frames, each key frame associated with a respective different video and representative of a clip within the respectively associated different video, each video separately recorded by a personal video recorder, each video clip and key frame automatically selected by said personal video recorder (column 1, lines 29, column 14, lines 7-40),

- d. Presenting on said display, a plurality of sequential frames of one of said video clips in response to a user selecting a key frame associated with the presented said video clip (column 4, lines 9-15),

but does not disclose the selection of one of said video clips is based upon, at least in part, the selection of a second video clip. However, Sezan discloses selecting a video based upon a program description wherein the program description scheme identifies the contents of a second video segment (claim 9). Sezan discloses identifying two related video clips associated with the same program description. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to add selection of one of said video clips is based upon, at least in part, the selection of a second video clip to Sezan. One could have been motivated to add selection of one of said video clips is based upon, at least in part, the selection of a second video clip to Sezan because Sezan discloses filtering video content based on user criteria and a user in Sezan may want to quickly scan clips of videos by the clips being played automatically consecutively.

Claim 7: Sezan discloses the interface of claim 5 wherein said plurality of different key frames is presented in a two dimensional array (figures 5 and 9).

Conclusion

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Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1, 3-5 and 7 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John M. Heffington whose telephone number is (571) 270-1696. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri 8:00 - 5:30 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Weilun Lo can be reached on (571) 272-4847. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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